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RAJYA SABHA

**Recovery from suppliers of Kendriya Bhandar**

3114. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether large sums have been recovered from some of the suppliers of Kendriya Bhandar on account of charging higher rates of items **than** the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not either blacklisting or deregistering them as per the policy of Kendriya Bhandar;

(c) whether the supplies of some suppliers were suspended **who** neither defrauded Kendriya Bhandar nor consumers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether any action was taken against the authorities for their uncalled for action;

(e) whether there is any proposal to stop disbursement of pensions to them; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kendriya Bhandar has recovered/withheld the amount on account of charging higher rates from the following suppliers/vendors:—

- 1) M/s D.D. Enterprises
- 2) M/s Pioneer Enterprises
- 3) M/s VSM
- 4) M/s Modi Xerox/M/s Xerox Modicrop.
- 5) M/s Amba Aircool
- 6) M/s Reliance Marketing
- 7) M/s Aastha Traders
- 8) M/s. International Trade Link
- 9) M/s Mahaan Dairies Ltd.

After examining individual cases on investigation by the Vigilance Department of the Kendriya Bhandar, appropriate action is taken by the

competent authority which included recovery or withholding of amount, suspension of supplies/suppliers, blacklisting/deregistration etc.

(c) and (d) Supplies from some suppliers were suspended on account of reasons other than charging higher rates, such as supply of inferior quality products, providing false address, threatening the Kendriya Bhandar employees and trying to coerce them to take decision in suppliers favour, pasting a sticker of different price over the existing sticker price, etc.

(e) and (f) In view of above, the question of stopping disbursement of pension to the officers Kendriya Bhandar does not arise.

### **Refusal of Information under RTI**

3115. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of cases during the current year wherein the Central Information Commission imposed penalty on concerned Government officers for not telling applicants that the information sought by them under the Right to Information Law was not available;

(b) whether the Commission has expressed its concern and took a serious view that certain Government Departments had refused to implement its recommendations on correcting misleading information on their website; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Central Information Commission has not imposed penalty on any Government Officer during the current year upto 25.4.2007 for not informing the applicant about non-availability of information.

(b) and (c) Government gives due consideration to the recommendations made by the Commission before taking a view on them.

### **Re-employment of IAS and the IPS Officers**

3116. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The number of retired IAS officers re-employed in Government;